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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sauerberg et al. Confirmation No.: 2809
Application No.: 10/734,368 Group Art Unit: 1621
Filed: December 12, 2003 Examiner: Keys, Rosalynd Ann
For: Dimeric Dicarboxylic Acid Derivatives, Their Preparation and Use (as amended)

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action on the merits mailed May 14, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire August 14, 2008, subject to extensions of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

A petition for a two (2) month extension of time to increase the period for reply from August 14, 2008, to October 14, 2008, is enclosed herewith to permit timely filing of this Response and the Request for Continued Examination enclosed herewith.

The examiner states in the Office Action Summary that claims numbered 1-48, 53-66 and 69-73 are pending in the application, and claims numbered 1-4, 9-11, 16-22, 24, 26-28, 32-34, 38-48, 54 and 63-66, and 69 are rejected. Claims numbered 5-8, 12-15, 23, 25, 29-31, 35-37, 53, 55-57, 60, 62 and 70-73.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicant submits a complete listing of all of the claims ever presented for this pending application, which will replace the preceding claim listing.